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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 24, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000474

For approval of a plan for
implementing retail supply
choice

ORDER FOR NOTICE, COMMENT OR REQUEST FOR HEARING

On September 11, 2000, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application for approval of a proposed plan for implementing retail supply choice pursuant to Section 56-235.8 of the Code of Virginia. WGL states that it seeks to provide natural gas retail supply choice to all of its customers in Virginia, including those served by its Shenandoah Gas Division, over a two-year period.

WGL proposes to recover all of its nonmitigable costs associated with the provision of retail supply choice, including prudently incurred contract obligation costs and transition costs, through a new monthly Gas Supply Realignment Adjustment ("GSRA") charge. The GSRA charge will be determined by customer class and billable to all firm sales and delivery service customers.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the captioned application, the Commission is of the opinion that WGL's application should be

docketed; that the Company should give appropriate notice of its application; that interested members of the public should have an opportunity to comment or request hearing on the application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000474.

(2) A copy of WGL's application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from Donald R. Hayes, Senior Attorney, Washington Gas Light Company, 1100 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080.

(3) Any interested party may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this order by directing a request for the same in writing to Donald R. Hayes at the address set forth above. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(4) On or before November 20, 2000, WGL shall complete publication of the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers

of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Company seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING
RETAIL SUPPLY CHOICE
CASE NO. PUE000474

On September 11, 2000, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for approval of a proposed plan for implementing retail supply choice pursuant to Section 56-235.8 of the Code of Virginia. WGL states that it presently intends to provide retail supply choice for natural gas service to all of its customers in Virginia, including those served by its Shenandoah Gas Division, over a two-year period. Costs WGL incurs associated with the provision of retail gas supply are proposed to be recovered from all its firm sales and delivery customers through establishment of a new monthly charge, which WGL has designated as the "Gas Supply Realignment Adjustment." Most WGL customers would be assessed this new charge under the Company's proposal.

Copies of WGL's application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or can be ordered from Donald R. Hayes, Senior Attorney, Washington Gas Light Company, 1100 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080.

Any person desiring to comment in writing or request hearing on WGL's application may do so by directing an

original and five (5) copies of such comments or request for hearing on or before December 13, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000474. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Donald R. Hayes at the address set forth above.

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing or request hearing on WGL's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before December 13, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. All filings must refer to Case No. PUE000474. A copy of any such comments or request for hearing also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to Donald R. Hayes, Senior Attorney, Washington Gas Light Company, 1100 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080.

(6) On or before December 15, 2000, the Commission Staff shall complete an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

(7) On or before December 13, 2000, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice required in Ordering paragraph (4).

(8) This matter is continued generally.